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Minden Hills awards outstanding volunteers

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Elected officials, township staff and volunteers joined together during the evening of Dec. 7 for the annual township Christmas dinner and social, held at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Community Centre.

The event is an end-of-year party with a focus on volunteer appreciation awards and township staff service recognition.

Betty Mark, who was introduced by Donna Monk, said she was speechless to be awarded the Gordon A. Monk award. Mark has an incredible list of volunteer work that includes being involved with the Food Fest for HAVE,

Festival of Trees, Community Services Committee, Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Board, Grade 8 cooking classes at the community kitchen at the Food Bank, primary classes at Archie Stouffer, Minden Hills events committee, Hyland Crest Family Council and Rotary Club (she's been president twice). Her house has even been featured on the Doors Open tour, although Tom and Diane Dawson, who nominated her, noted she's not often in it.

"She is never here, she is so involved in this community," said the Dawsons, her friends and fellow Gelert residents.

The award is in recognition of Gord Monk's achievements and the value he placed on vol-

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New chapter for Murdoch

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Former Minden Hills deputy mayor Cheryl Murdoch foresees travel and volunteerism in her future, as she reflects on nearly four decades in public office.

Her career in civic life began not around a municipal council table, but a school board table.

After working as a teacher in Peterborough and Toronto, Murdoch moved back to her hometown of Minden, where she also taught for a few years. By then a mother, she first became a trustee with what was the Haliburton County School Board in 1978.

"I thought I'd like to be able to stay home with the children until they were back in school," she says. While the kids eventually went off to the classroom, "I never went back to teaching," Murdoch says. "When the kids went to school, I just stayed with the school board. I felt there was more power at the school board to do good stuff for education than I could ever do as a teacher."

Murdoch would ultimately serve 19 years on the county school board, many of them as its chairwoman. In 1997, the county's school board was merged with the school boards of Muskoka and Victoria County (what is today the City of Kawartha Lakes) to create the amalgamated Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

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Kinmount Kris Kringle

As part of Christmas in the Village celebrations on Dec. 8, Santa Claus met with kids who lined up at the Kinmount Legion, offering a chat and a gift. See more on page 3. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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Awards recognize contributions to community

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unteerism and citizen participation, and is awarded to someone who has demonstrated extensive volunteerism over an extended period of time in multiple areas of service to the community, township, or special interest groups and service clubs in Minden Hills. Mark received a room full of applause, with Donna Monk noting, “all of you know her, obviously.”

Lois Rigney presented the Ross Rigney Award, named in honour of the Township of Minden Hills’ first reeve, Ross Rigney, and the value he placed on mentoring youth and encouraging their participation in the community. Nominees for the award must be between the ages of 14 and 19 and have demonstrated outstanding achievements on a voluntary basis.

“Ross always believed in the young people in our communities,” Lois said of her husband.

This year’s recipients of the award were Daniel and Denniella Rivard, who Rigney described as being Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students while also working jobs locally for years and doing volunteer work in their downtime. They filled sandbags during town flooding, have helped with the Terry Fox Run and Canning Lake community events, have helped serve dinners at the Lochlin Community Centre and have been active in their church. Denniella helps with Sunday School, with the Rotary Interact Club and on the prom committee, while Daniel has been involved on the school yearbook committee and as a sports referee. One week, Rigney noted, one twin was in one local paper, while the other was in another. Rigney said she has known them since the day they were born and was proud to present the award to the siblings.

“We’re very honoured,” said Daniel. “We’re glad to help out in the community.”

Diane Dawson was named the recipient of the Minden Hills Good Neighbour Award, presented to individuals who contribute to the community in many ways, from a single act of kindness to multiple deeds benefiting many people that result in Minden Hills being a more enjoyable community to live in.

“The winner of this award has demonstrated her endless dedication to friends, family and her community as a wonderful, caring neighbour,” said Mayor Brent Devolin, MC of the evening, prior to naming Dawson the recipient. “When someone suffers a loss, or celebrates a birth, she steps forward to sup-

port and provide for others. When there is a charity event, she volunteers to host or provide sponsorship in any way possible. Her commitment to the community is relentless, from her work with HAVE; to the Terry Fox run; to the collection of purses to provide gifts to women in need; to her food bank donation efforts.”

Dawson was acknowledged as a mother, wife, sister, friend, teacher and community member.

“It’s easy to be a good neighbour in Minden Hills,” she said upon accepting the award.

The Arts and Culture Award, presented to an individual or group who has significantly contributed to the art and cultural life of Minden Hills through the development, support, preservation or promotion of local heritage, culture, music, visual, performing or literary arts, was awarded to the Minden and District Lions Club for having “been the backbone to one of Minden’s most intrinsic cultural event of the summer, Music by the Gull,” for the past 27 years, announced Devolin.

“There are many key players that helped make this event what it is, but without financial support, it wouldn’t have become an annual highlight to so many that set up their lawn chairs every Friday night in the summer to hear an eclectic range of local, musical talent ranging from jazz to country, all which help to create a sense of community here in Minden Hills,” he said.

Representatives from the Lions Club were on hand, and said they like serving in the community, and asked interested community members who want to join the Lions to reach out and get involved.

Township staff awarded for years of service were Jane Leavis (20 years), Nadine Papp (10 years), Paul Lippolis (five years), Elisha Weiss (five years) and Shane Dykstra (five years.) Also awarded but not in attendance that night: Ivan Ingram (30 years), Vicki Bull (15 years), Colin McKnight (15 years), Lorrie Blanchard (10 years) and Cassie Thomas (five years).

Myles Gartshore, retiring deputy chief of the Minden Hills fire department, was awarded a plaque for 25 years of service. Kevin Gordon was also awarded, for 15 years of service.

The dinner was catered by McKecks, while Zoe Chilco and company played music. More than \$400 was raised by guests at the event for the Minden Community Food Centre Food Bank.



Betty Mark, right, said she was speechless when she was named the recipient of the Gordon A. Monk award for volunteerism and citizenship, as awarded by Donna Monk and Mayor Brent Devolin. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Lois Rigney, centre, was proud to award twins Daniel and Denniella Rivard with the Ross Rigney youth award named for her husband.



Diane Dawson was awarded the 2018 Good Neighbour Award.

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Group retrieves deer from ice on Kash

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Two deer are alive after they were retrieved from the icy surface of Lake Kashagawigamog, where they were stranded on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 8.

"I'd seen on Facebook there were a couple of deer out on Kash," Chris Coumbs told the *Times*. "Once I heard, I went down and had a look."

Coumbs said he could see the two deer – a doe and her baby – out on the ice, some 300 yards off the lake's west shore. A crew that included his brother Ken, son Kevin Bunn, cousin Terry Sicard, as well as Larry Little and his son Isaac, and a few others, set about the process of bringing the animals back to shore.

Coumbs told the paper he was able to borrow a 10-foot, flat-bottomed boat, and head-

ed off to the hardware store to purchase 400 feet of rope to add to the hundreds of feet he already had. Those ropes were tied together to create a tether that was affixed to the boat, some of the men standing on shore holding the ropes while a group of three headed out across the ice. Two, 20-foot lengths of rope were attached to the back of the boat for the looping of the deer.

The animals were stranded on a section of glare ice, where they were unable to stand up.

"They were trying to get up, but they didn't have the strength or the traction to get up," Coumbs said. "They would have froze to death, or starved to death."

Coumbs was cautioned not to go out on the ice, but told the *Times* for him that was not an option.

"I wouldn't have slept that night," he said. "It was totally impossible to leave them there."

When the men reached the deer, they put

ropes around them.

"We looped the doe, and the little one, we looped them both," Coumbs said. The men then skidded the deer across the ice using the boat, carrying them up to the road when they reached the shore. The entire process took about an hour.

The fawn, who Coumbs said was quite frightened and exhausted, was placed under a tree, while its mother trotted into the woods nearby. Coumbs said he was overcome with an immense sense of satisfaction as he watched the creatures return to the forest.

Using many hundred feet of rope and a flat-bottomed boat, a group of local men rescued a doe and fawn who'd got stranded on the ice on Lake Kashagawigamog on the morning of Dec. 8. /PHOTO SUBMITTED



Lee Ann Hobson and Judy Bishop were all smiles at a market held at the community centre



Garrison Warburton and Laine King showed off their gingerbread decorating skills before enjoying their creation.



Christmas in the Village

Kinmount was bustling on Dec. 8 when the town celebrated Christmas with events that included breakfast with Santa, free family lunch at the Legion, and a concert featuring The Leahy Family. Above, Pat and Mike take a break between wagon rides, just before they gave Santa and a wagon full of kids a lift through town. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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Murdoch looks to travel, volunteer

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Murdoch was heavily involved in that process, chairing the strategic planning committee in the lead-up to amalgamation.

"It was difficult because everybody thought they had the best scenario," she says. "And the big thing was for us to convince them, let's take the best of all three, and take it forward. And when we were doing strategic planning, we couldn't vote on anything; we had to have consensus."

Chuckling, she adds, "Do you have any idea how difficult that could be?"

Murdoch was then elected Haliburton County's sole trustee on the new Trillium Lakelands District School Board, and would serve as its first chairperson for two of the three years she spent there.

"I lived in a car and drove all over," she recalls. "Twelve thousand square kilometres. Sixty-two schools. I think back now, I don't really know how I did it."

From 2000 to 2003, Murdoch took a break from public life, before deciding to try her hand at municipal politics.

"I guess I've always had a political interest, so I said, you know what? I'm going to try it again," she said.

Murdoch was elected to Minden Hills council as councillor at large in the 2003 municipal election. Just over a year later, she would move into the role of what was then deputy reeve, after Reeve Ross Rigney had a stroke that prevented him from continuing his political duties. Jim McMahon had been the deputy reeve at the time, so he automatically assumed the reeve's chair. Councillors then voted a new deputy reeve from their ranks, that councillor being Murdoch.

The deputy reeve position (now referred to as deputy mayor) was one she would reclaim in the 2006, 2010 and 2014 municipal elections, sometimes by acclamation and sometimes by contest. She did not run for re-election this past October.

Looking back on a decade and a half on Minden Hills council, Murdoch counts the creation of the Minden Riverwalk among the top achievements. The walking path winds its way along the Gull River through downtown Minden, allowing pedestrians to travel a circuit that includes the Loggers' Crossing footbridge. The Riverwalk project also included connecting Invergordon Avenue to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre via a boardwalk.

"In Minden Hills, I would say Riverwalk is my biggest accomplishment in my time there," says Murdoch, who was a member of the Riverwalk committee.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's not finished yet," she says, adding she'd like to see the pathway extended along the river



Cheryl Murdoch holds her farewell gift from Haliburton County council. Murdoch served on Minden Hills council for 15 years, 13 of those years on county council as well, and was a school board trustee for more than 20 years before that. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

up to Rotary Park. "It's not done, in my mind, until it goes all the way to Rotary Park."

"Another thing in Minden Hills I take great pride in, it took 10 years to get there, is the new fire hall," Murdoch says. The \$2-million facility along Highway 35 opened this past summer, and Murdoch gave a speech at its opening ceremony, paying homage to the community's volunteer department.

Haliburton County council is comprised of the mayors and deputy mayors of the county's four lower tier townships, so most of Murdoch's municipal career also involved sitting as a councillor at the upper tier.

At the county level, Murdoch says one of the things she's most proud of is the rejuvenation of its public library system, which has included the construction of new facilities and the addition of modern services and programming during the past decade.

"It's become all things to all people," Murdoch says. "We've got three new libraries, and I give great accolades to [library CEO] Bessie Sullivan and her staff. They've done a fabulous job."

She also cites the construction of the county EMS base along Highway 35, the facility opening in 2015.

"It took us a long time to find some property and get that thing in the ground," Murdoch says.

A major challenge at the upper-tier level has been the down-

loading of responsibilities – social services and housing, ambulance funding, etc. – to municipalities, without accompanying financial assistance. Murdoch says it's a challenge that will remain an ongoing one.

"Downloading from the upper levels of government, and lack of major funding from the upper-tier governments . . . I think the municipalities and the county, they're going to have to, whatever it is they want to do, find ways to raise funds beyond the funding we used to get," she says, noting that level of funding has dropped substantially in recent years. "You get a little bit, but nothing major."

Another ongoing challenge in a cottage community will be balancing the needs of full-time and seasonal residents.

"Their needs are different," Murdoch says. "Some are similar, but some are very different."

The protection of lake health is also of perennial importance, she says, since it is the foundation upon which everything in the county sits.

In her view, is it time for an amalgamation of the municipalities of Haliburton County into a single-tier government?

"I don't know if complete single-tier is the answer," Murdoch says, "but I do truly believe that what we have now needs to be improved upon, and move more towards single-tier. There is too much duplication with equipment, fire halls, everything, and there's got to be some savings."

Murdoch is asked for something she thinks a lot of residents might not realize about being a municipal politician in Haliburton County.

"I think a lot of people don't realize that when you're budgeting, over half the money is already spoken for," Murdoch said, indicating that between staff wages and benefits, OPP requisitions, EMS funding, social services, etc., there is far less money in the pot for municipal projects than residents might realize. "You've got no control over what you've got to do, it's got to be paid," she says.

Murdoch also says that municipal governments have less control in general than some might think, that they are creatures of the province, and therefore bound by provincial legislation.

"The bylaws you have to abide by, all the laws, all kinds of things that you can't mess with, that you have to abide by," she says. "We're grassroots, we have simple politics as grassroots. We're the lowest of the low on the totem pole, which, to me, is the best, because we're the ones who deal with the people directly. I go to town, I go to the grocery store, or the post office or whatever, and everybody wants to talk, and that's part of my job, and I feel that any councillor should understand that people want to talk to you. You're there for the people. If you're not truly going to care about the people, you're in the wrong job."

After a total of 37 years in public office, what will Murdoch do now?

"Well, I'm not going to any more meetings," she says with a laugh. "It's a big relief not to go to any more meetings. I've been to thousands of them. I have a personal bucket list. I've completed my business bucket list – the fire hall was the last thing. I would like to travel. I've seen a lot of Canada, my own country, but I'd like to see more of it."

Murdoch also plans to get back into community volunteering, and says she's already received interest from a number of organizations. However, she'd like to make it clear that any volunteer activities come with this caveat: "I've already told people, if you're looking for me to go to more meetings, if that's what's involved . . . I'm sorry!"

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Thanks, Cheryl

HOLDING PUBLIC office is often a thankless job. Maybe that doesn't apply to the wood-panelled offices of Parliament Hill or Queen's Park, where there is plentiful power, perks and six-figure salaries, but it certainly applies to many municipal politicians, especially those in small, rural communities.

In places like Haliburton County, local politics is still considered a part-time vocation and councillors are not highly paid. There is no gold-plated pension. Yet, they remain subject to the same level of public scrutiny and criticism as their provincial and federal counterparts. Maybe more. Most of us don't run into our MPP or MP at the grocery store very often.

Municipal politicians shape their communities with their decisions, and so it is critically important that those people are at the council table for the right reasons. Cheryl Murdoch was at the council table for the right reasons.

The now former deputy mayor of Minden Hills spent 15 years on council, bringing with her heaps of experience from more than two decades serving on the local school board; first the Haliburton County School Board, which would eventually become part of the amalgamated Trillium Lakelands District School Board that we know today. Murdoch was heavily involved in that amalgamation process, where she chaired the strategic planning committee. She would be elected

the first county trustee on the new, amalgamated board, as well as its first chairperson.

Murdoch was always a calm, steady and level-headed presence on Minden Hills and Haliburton County councils. While some politicians like to publicly pontificate more than may be required, when Murdoch spoke, you knew it was going to be constructive and to the point. Her steadfastness was also an asset during the tumultuous Minden

Hills council term of 2010 to 2014, where she became the experienced anchor of the ship on a turbulent sea.

She has become sort of an elder stateswoman on council, sharing her experience and knowledge with

colleagues, and has always kept close connection with the community she serves.

Speaking of municipal politicians last week, she said this:

"We're the lowest of the low on the totem pole, which, to me, is the best, because we're the ones who deal with the people directly. I go to town, I go to the grocery store, or the post office or whatever, and everybody wants to talk, and that's part of my job, and I feel that any councillor should understand that people want to talk to you. You're there for the people. If you're not truly going to care about the people, you're in the wrong job."

Pretty much sums it up.

Thank you, Cheryl, for your time and commitment to your community. All the best.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Kwarky



"My invisible friend is sitting there."

The third greatest gift

NOW THAT Christmas time is rapidly approaching, I'm sure we will hear plenty of songs and TV specials telling us about "the greatest gift of all." For some, that phrase refers to the birth of the Saviour. For others, it describes the latest X-box, an SUV or a huge flat screen TV.

It really just depends on your world view, which is why I prefer not to wade into the matter.

I'd rather write about the one thing we rarely discuss and would probably all agree upon – the third greatest gift of all. That being beef jerky.

I shouldn't have to remind you of this, but the fact that I do just shows how far from traditional values our society has strayed. Here's a case in point. I met a person the other day who claimed the third greatest gift of all was "peace on earth and good will towards man."

That's when I pointed out that both things could easily be accomplished with the judicious use of beef jerky – the outdoorsman's most precious gift. In fact, that's how you know the Three Wise Men weren't outdoorsmen – they only gave frankincense, myrrh and gold.

This just shows that precious gifts are not the same in every culture. Some cultures, and mine is one of them, prefer venison jerky. Others love a good moose, caribou, bear, or elk jerky. I have also heard tell of a splinter group who prefer goose jerky and I have even known some who enjoy a turkey jerky, but I think that's only because it is a lot of fun to say.

Call me a flaming liberal, if you like, but I'm open minded enough to believe all these things as well as actual beef can all be lumped under the all-encompassing um-

brella of beef jerky. What can I say? I'm all about celebrating diversity.

Having said that, don't ever mention vegan jerky in my presence for it is an abomination.

Back to beef jerky.

When someone asks, "what do you get the outdoorsman who has everything?" Beef jerky is clearly the answer. I know this is not what those who commercialize Christmas would have you believe, but it is true. No outdoorsman with all, or even some, of his teeth has ever complained about receiving the gift of beef jerky.

There are also those who would tell you that you should get the outdoorsman who has everything a dehydrator. This theory falls along the lines of that old saying, "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish and he eats every day."

And that would be fine except the second part should actually be, "Teach a man to fish and he will immediately tell all his friends about the great spot you took him to."

That's why it's just far better to give a person beef jerky. They can't say anything while chewing it.

The big question is how much?

Throughout history, the rule has always been you only give more than one package of jerky if you are about to offer a distant king your daughter's hand in marriage to unite two great and vast empires.

Conversely, if you want to deliberately start a war, you would offer up three packages of vegan jerky, which is, as I said, an abomination and probably ranking somewhere around 1,274 in terms of greatest gifts.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Worry about future work

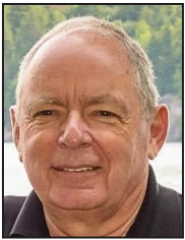
IT WAS A long time ago, but I was an elevator operator once. That was back in the days when elevators were not push-button automatic and needed a human to guide them from floor to floor with a physical hand control lever.

It was only a part-time thing. I was bellhop in a hotel and was required to relieve the regular operator during her lunch or dinner.

It was wonderful work. You had the challenge of making swift but smooth rides without jerky stops and starts. And, you had to align the elevator cage floor exactly with the hotel floor so no one would trip getting on or off.

Best of all was meeting the people. Many remarkable folks and many interesting conversations, often brief but interesting.

The most interesting and remarkable – at least for a young guy – were the June Taylor dancers from the Jackie Gleason Show, who were brought in for several performances at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition, a very big show back in those times. The young ladies all were stunningly beautiful, pleasantly chatty and complimentary about how smoothly I operated the elevator.



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From Shaman's Rock

The memories of elevator work came flooding back recently when I read a story about how elevator operating has survived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Several thousand people work as elevator operators there because of 1991 state law that requires elevator attendants in commercial buildings five or more storeys.

The elevator jobs that remain, however, are in jeopardy. A court recently ruled against the 1991 law, saying that it unreasonably burdens building owners. In other words, owners have to pay operators wages that could be used to fatten profits.

Elevator operators disappeared in most places decades ago along with telephone operators. The Rio story highlighted the seemingly never-ending stream of lost jobs in our society.

In the last month we have had the news of General Motors closing its Oshawa plant, knocking thousands of autoworkers out of jobs throughout the Canadian auto industry. And, the loss of 700 jobs in Sydney, N.S. when Servicom Canada closed its call centre.

Too many workers in Canada and elsewhere around the world, are losing their livelihoods. Too few jobs are being created to provide alternate employment.

It makes you wonder about the future and how many people who want to work will be able to find jobs as companies seeking to build profits turn to more automation. The concern has helped generate talk, and some experiments, of a guaranteed basic annual income for people without enough basic employment to sustain them.

But jobs are about more than money. Jobs provide fulfillment and help to build social connections and the person-to-person communication that is such an important part of living. Humans are wired for social connections and useful work.

An elevator operator explained the importance of a job and communication in a *New York Times* interview for the Rio de Janeiro story.

"You're never bored," said Roselia da Conceição. "You're always talking and interacting with people, you learn a lot and you create a type of intimacy."

Huge networks of social connections are cut when a plant closes or when jobs such as elevator operators become redundant.

We live in an increasing angry and violent world. Older people will tell you that the extent of the anger and its resulting turmoil are unprecedented in their lifetimes.

You have to wonder if at least part of the cause is a lack of fulfilling work and the social benefits it provides.

The future of jobs is a serious worry.

The International Labor Organization has released a 2018 report on world employment and social trends. It estimates that 1.4 billion workers were in "vulnerable" employment in 2017 and that an additional 35 million will join them by 2019.

Vulnerable employment is a job with inadequate earnings, low productivity, difficult working conditions and little or no security. In many cases vulnerable employment is work grudgingly offered because it is needed today, but likely will not be in the future.

As more jobs disappear you have to worry about what the future will look like. We can be positive and hope it will not be as angry and violent as it is today.

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This is fun...

MY IDEA OF fun tends to be different than the rest of the population. I love a challenge and this movement is a challenge. It's been called Kneeling to Standing or a Get-up or a Pop-up depending on how it's done. This is a great exercise to incorporate into a daily routine because it's all about getting up from the floor.

The following are several versions of how to do it, starting with the easiest and moving to the most challenging:

Easiest: Start in a one-legged kneeling position. If your right knee is on the floor have your left foot ahead of you so that your left knee is at a right angle. Push off your right toes and move to the standing position so that your feet are together. The goal is that your left foot doesn't move in the process. Repeat on the opposite side. Hold on to something for balance if you need to. When you're feeling steady, put your hands on your head to make the movement more of a challenge.

Sort of Easy: Start in a kneeling position with both knees on the floor. Bring your left foot to the floor in front of you so that you are in the starting position in the "easiest" version of this exercise. Next push off your right toes and move to the standing position bringing your feet together. Reverse the process so that you're back kneeling

on the floor on both knees. Again, hold on to something for balance if you need to. Putting your hands on your head will make this more challenging.

More difficult: Safely hold a weight in one hand while doing either of the above versions of the exercise. Start with the weight at your side and work up to doing

it with the weight overhead throughout the movement.

Always start with a very light weight and build from there.

Most difficult: If you have a BOSU ball try using it for this exercise. Doing so creates a wonderful challenge for balance, stability and agility. It's the same sequence as the "sort of easy" version but on the BOSU. Please note that returning to the kneeling position takes a lot of concentration.

Doing 10 of any one of these will take you less than two minutes. This exercise really works the glutes, but also incorporates the quadriceps and hamstrings. It's one exercise and three muscles. Seems like a good idea to me!

Something to think about.

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Practical Fitness

Three spirits visit Dorset

DORSET NEWS

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Tickets are still available for Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the Dorset Rec Centre at 6:30 p.m. They're \$20 each and children 12 and under are free with a donation to the Winter Pantry. See Lee at Coldwell Banker in Dorset, beside the LCBO.

Dorset's annual food drive took place Wednesday Dec. 5 and over one ton of food and toys was collected, as well as \$1,600 in cash and cheques. Thanks to everybody who contributed, none of this would have been possible without you. Food donations can still be dropped off at Robinson's General Store.

While it might feel like winter out there, remember to be safe around lakes and rivers, as they may not be completely frozen. Never assume that because there is ice that it's safe, and don't believe everything you read, as everyone's opinion of what safe is differs.

Speaking of unsafe, the snowmobile trails are currently marked as closed so remember to stay off them until they are marked as open. Failure to do so could result in injury as well as landowners not allowing the use of the trails. Trucks are also not allowed on snowmobile trails, even with the use of 4X4.

Happy birthday to Caitlin Davies, Jeanine Dunn, Barb Jordan, Cameron Nash, Tony Arkell, Tom Keown and Jim Jones. Happy anniversary to Boyd and Diane Griffin and Bill and June Johnson. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

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Danielsen officially takes warden position

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

If you came late to this year's Haliburton County inauguration you would be hard pressed to find a seat let alone much standing room at the back of council chambers in Minden.

The large crowd welcomed the county's new warden, Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Danielsen thanked all the people "who helped me in so many ways."

During her prepared speech Danielsen laid out her intentions for the upcoming term.

"My approach for the year will be to listen to advice from you all and to look to each of you to offer your individual strengths and knowledge. It doesn't matter who sits at the head of the table, chairing our meetings. We each have an equal voice, collective goals and a lot to bring to the table in way-finding the solutions to the challenges we all face," she said.

Among the challenges she referred to were streamlining services, expanding on broadband, transportation, preparation for extreme weather events, and expanding joint purchasing, among others.

Amalgamation is not the "best answer" for the county because of geography and the "uniqueness of each of our four municipalities," she said.

Danielsen said cost savings from amalgamation "may not be a reality."

"I prefer to think we can find a made in Haliburton solution, but how we proceed

isn't up to me. It's up to all of us as a team," she said. "During our initial planning discussions we must try to reach an agreement on our priorities and how we will move forward to reach conclusions in this regard. One step at a time and considering our decisions must to the best of our ability benefit all four municipalities equally. I promise to keep you fully informed regularly on activities I take part in on your behalf. I will be open to any thoughts or concerns you might have, particularly if it will make our jobs a bit easier as we go forward. Once again thank you to everyone in the room. I sincerely mean that."

She was honoured by the unanimous support of the incoming county council, who also took their declaration of office just before Danielsen was named warden.

This year's council includes Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton and Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin and Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, and Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy.

Danielsen takes over from last year's warden Suzanne Partridge. This will be the third term Danielsen has served for the county.

Danielsen was nominated by Roberts and seconded by Burton.

She was the only candidate for warden in advance of a late October deadline. Each year, county councillors select from among themselves who will serve as warden. Haliburton County council is comprised of the mayor and deputy mayor of each of the county's four lower-tier municipalities.

The deputy warden will be sworn in dur-



This year's Haliburton County council, from left, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall, Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton and Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts. Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, seated, is this year's new Haliburton County warden. The county council was sworn in on Dec. 11 at the council chambers in Minden. /DARREN LUM Staff

ing a meeting in January. On Wednesday, Burton put his name forth for consideration for the position. He was the only one to do so. The deputy warden assists in represent-

ing Haliburton County when the warden is unavailable.

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Red Hawks dominate at home

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The Red Hawks volleyball junior and senior girls proved to be the queens of the court after hosting a pair of single A schools, the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary and the Bulldogs of Brock High School on Thursday, Dec. 6.

With a small crowd of peers and family watching, the Hawks’ two squads combined to win 11 out of a possible 12 sets after two rally-point matches. This was the first competition for the Hawks.

It was a great start to the exhibition series of tournaments, which leads to league play.

With just three schools, there was an opportunity for best of three matches instead of the typical limit of two sets. It was a strong showcase of skills and composure for the juniors and seniors.

The juniors’ lone loss of the day was a narrow 15-25 loss to the Titans. They won the match 2-1.

Senior Hawks coach Dan Gimon is optimistic about his team after seeing them play. He liked how they executed and acknowledged the Hawks power game advantage against the opponents, who lacked the personnel for an offence to employ spiking on a regular basis.

Gimon said focus is key to success, particularly against weaker teams.

“All teams tend to play down to the level of their opposition. We try and keep them at

their level and maintain [it] and stay tough because we’re going to come up against tougher teams,” he said.

He adds the team continues to work and will improve.

His message to his players is to never be spectators and remain engaged.

“You have to be ready at all times and I think they came through,” he said.

Serving was also a strong aspect for the seniors, who had stretches of powerful and precise serves, which resulted in difficult returns for their opponents.

He tells his players to focus on that first serve.

“Get the first serve in because you work hard to get that ball back and to put that ball into the net or out brings the whole team down. Get that first serve in and then start serving tough,” he said.

Making a mistake on a serve also takes a player out of the serving rotation for four turns, he said.

This tournament also provides game experience, which not only informs his players about position and playing with others, but helps with confidence. The record was also indicative of the team’s reserves, who he said “stepped up.”

Getting playing experience is important for success later in the season.

“If you don’t play them when it comes to crunch time somebody gets injured and then they don’t know where to go,” he said.

Against the Titans, the Hawks faced a strong net coverage team.

Gimon said the team responded well to the challenge and he ran set plays where the power player hit from behind the attack line.

He loved what he saw from his rookies and believes they will improve.

First year player and a middle hitter Rebecca Archibald has skills, but can still improve.

He has all the “confidence in the world” that her reads at the net will develop so she knows when to get up at the net and when to drop back.

Rookie setter Emma Casey started all 12 sets for the seniors.

“There’s a few little things we need to work on with her, but she did great. For six sets for a rookie setter in senior she did amaz-

ing,” he said.

Starting setter Arden Harrop, who was dressed, was kept off the court for the competition for precautionary reasons due to rolling her ankle. Harrop has been practising, but wasn’t game ready due to her aggressive style of play.

“She can’t go half speed,” he said.

Gimon didn’t want to re aggravate the injury.

This week the team will play at Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute in Lindsay where they are expected to play St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, including stiffer competition with Fenelon Falls Secondary School, the Spartans of LCVI and I.E. Weldon.



Red Hawks senior power player Dakota MacDonald passes the ball to her setter during an exhibition Kawartha High School League tournament on Thursday, Dec. 6 in Haliburton. The seniors and juniors combined to win 11 of 12 sets against the Brock High School Bulldogs and the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Golden performances for Coles and Graham

The HHSS wrestling team performed very well at the first regional tournament of the season. On Wednesday, Dec. 5, 15 wrestlers travelled to Peterborough to compete at the 18th annual Kenner Rams Wrestling Invitational. More than 200 athletes from schools in the COSSA region attended the event.

This was the first competition for several Red Hawks on the team, and they all showed great promise at the event. Each wrestler con-

tinued to improve with each match. Veteran wrestlers Aidan Coles and Nic Graham led the team by example. Both senior wrestlers went undefeated in their respective weight classes and returned home as gold medallists.

Congratulations to all wrestlers for posting great results.

Gold medals were won by Aidan Coles, Nic Graham, Corin Gervais, Nick Phippen, Eli Samson and Owen Wootton. Silver

medals were won by Logan Heaven, Aiden Hill and Charlotte Paton. Bronze medals were won by Ethan Coles, Ben Pilcher and Brooklyn Spence.

Submitted by Paul Klose

Hawks hockey team lose first game

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team finished 1-1 last week.

They started with a convincing 5-0 win over the visiting LCVI Spartans on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Goals were scored by Hawks captain Owen Smith, Nigel Smith (2), Owen Gilbert, and Zach Morissette.

Two days later, the Hawks travelled to Peterborough to play the Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School where they lost 2-0. It was the first loss of the season. The Hawks are third in the Kawartha Varsity Boys' Hockey League with a 3-1 record. They've held opponents in check, allowing only three goals in four games while scoring 15.

The team will gain invaluable experience when they are scheduled to compete at the Maxwell Heights Tournament in Oshawa. Next Wednesday, the Hawks will host Thomas A. Stewart Secondary for the last game before the Christmas holidays.

Red Hawks junior basketball team split their first week

After losing 35-22 to the visiting I.E. Weldon Wildcats in their home opener on Tuesday, Dec. 4, the Hawks rebounded with a dominating performance over the Brock Bulldogs 50-22 to level out their record to 1-1.

The team, which is coached by Paul Longo and Sam Little, will host the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary on Thursday, Dec. 13. Tip off is at 3 p.m. Before the holidays, the team will host the Falcons of Fenelon Falls Secondary School on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Game time is 3 p.m.

Games are subject to change without notice.

There weren't enough senior players committed to playing this 2018-2019 season so the juniors will be the sole representatives for the Hawks. It's been more than 20 years since the Hawks have had a senior team.



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MINOR HOCKEY

Atom

This past weekend the Ridgewood Ford/Cottage Country Building Supplies Atoms travelled through whiteout conditions to Norwood for the NDMS 2018 Hockey Tournament. Our opening game versus the hometown Hornets squad would catch us off guard with a 7-4 loss. Storm goals by Jace Mills and Josh Scheffee with a pair a piece weren't enough to secure a win. Assists by Austin Latanville, Jace Mills and Owen Sisson. Saturday evenings matchup versus Campbellford was full of excitement as both teams battled for the win. Two goals by Austin Latanville kept the Storm in the picture but it was Jace Mills creative bank shot off the net minder that gave us the win. Assists by Jace Mills and Evan Jones on the Latanville goals. Game 3 vs. Orono was a healthy rematch from our October loss to the Leafs on home ice. This was Josh Scheffee's time to shine, popping all three goals from the far right side to stun the Orono team with only his third goal needing two helpers from Owen Sisson and Parker Simms. A massive save by Chase Winder was the difference maker flashing his glove to snare a hard wrist shot in the first period proving our potential in the opening frame. The final game on Sunday night opened up with two quick goals from Evan Jones helped by Toby Posti's breakout pass up the middle and Austin Latanville from Parker Simms. A third goal by Josh Scheffee from Austin and Evan kept the Storm ahead by 1. Parker Simms found himself going to end to end twice, once hitting the top bar and then resulting in Josh Scheffee picking up his rebound for what would be the game winner.

The Storm saw a real comeback style goaltending performance from their goalie Chase Winder who looked sharp through all three periods despite numerous shots and traffic in the paint. His positive energy and no-quit attitude was evident as he sent Hornet shots to the corners and away from the net. The 4-3 final earned the Storm its first tournament win of the season with Jace Mills and Austin Latanville sharing the games MVP honours. Before heading into the Christmas break you can catch the Storm Atoms on the ice at A.J LaRue Arena on the 15th at 2 p.m. vs. the Ennismore Eagles.

By Pasi Posti

Bantam

On Friday, the Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House and Dollo's Foodland Bantams hosted the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. The Storm were down one in the first when Dylan Keefer responded. Then early in the second Jackson Wilson found the net assisted by Keefer. Shortly after Kain Brannigan scored assisted by Wilson and Hall making it 3-1 Storm. The Thunder came back quickly tying the game up 3-3 midway through the second. Late in the second period Kyan Hall scored assisted by Brannigan bringing the Storm ahead once again, however the Thunder responded quickly in the third with three more goals. Making the final score 6-4 Thunder.

On Saturday, the Storm travelled to Norwood to play in the Norwood Bantam Rep Tournament. First off the Storm faced the West Lincoln Wrath. The game was scoreless in the first. The Wrath scored in the second period which was quickly answered by a short handed goal by Dylan Keefer. With nine seconds left in the game Kyan Hall scored from behind the net winning the game 2-1 Storm.

The second game of the tournament was against the Leeds Chargers. Our lone goal of the game was a hard shot from the blue line scored by Dylan Keefer. Even with Darian Maddock's skilled goaltending and our quick defenders we were unable to hold back the

Chargers 3-1.

On Sunday the Storm advanced in the tournament to play Muskoka Rock. The Rock came on fast in the first period putting two on the scoreboard. In the second period, Cooper Lloyd delivered one in the net, assisted by Jackson Wilson and Kyan Hall putting the Storm back in the game. However, after multiple attempts neither side were able to find the net making the final 2-1 Muskoka.

Next up the Storm face the Lindsay Muskies Friday night in Minden at 7 p.m. Come on out and support the team.

By Jessica Lloyd

Novice

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice Reps travelled to Ennismore to battle the Ennismore Eagles. In the first period, the Storm marked a point after fumbling over a loose puck in front of the net. The second period was scoreless, but the Storm put three more in the net in the third. The Storm took a 4-1 win with goals by Henry Neilson (2), Evan Perrott, and Luke Gruppe.

The team played a double header against the Almaguin Ice Devils on Sunday in Haliburton. The first game, the Highlander Game of the Week, was the fourth time the Storm met the Ice Devils this year, and they anticipated another strong win however, the Ice Devils were out to prove them wrong. The Ice Devils started the scoring by putting in a goal in the first 40 seconds of the game. Luke Gruppe put the first goal in for the Storm by picking up Evan Perrott's rebound. In the second, the Ice Devils snuck in another goal during a three-on-five power-play, taking a 2-1 lead. Matt Scheffee, Isaac Trotter, and Henry Neilson continued to set up great passing plays inside the offensive zone. Jack Tomlinson, took some powerful shots from the blue line, while his defense partner, Ethan DeCarlo, held the line, constantly anticipating where the puck was heading. The Storm found their stride in the third period. Tomlinson shot the puck to Gruppe who then passed it to Evan Perrott who tied the game 2-2. Max Rupnow then intercepted an Ice Devils pass and took a shot on net. Luke Gruppe picked up the rebound and fired it in. Neilson took a pass from Trotter and scored with a hard backhand shot. The Ice Devils put in a third goal on a powerplay. Easton Burk and Jaxen Casey continued to prove they are a powerful defensive duo with aggressive back checking and firm passes. Rupnow, Perrott, and Gruppe stormed down the Ice together which resulted in Gruppe's hat trick goal. Tomlinson then fired a shot up to Neilson who put in the last goal for the Storm. The team's hard work in the third period, and excellent goaltending by Carter Braun, earned them a 6-3 win.

In the second game, the team proved their strength. They held their positions and set up great passing plays. Storm goalies, Carter Braun and Landon Simms earned shutouts and made several considerable saves as the Storm took a 4-0 win. Goals were scored by Evan Perrott, Henry Neilson, Isaac Trotter, and Matt Scheffee. The Novices play next Saturday in Haliburton and Sunday in Lindsay.

By Sarah Gruppe

Peewee A

The JoAnne Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's traveled to Wasaga Beach to play in a weekend tournament. The first game was on Saturday against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Unfortunately the Storm lost 5-0. The second game was against the

Elmvale Coyotes. This was a nail biter game. The first period Cheyenne Degeer scored the first goal, however Elmvale answered. In the second Addison St Cyr scored and Elmvale answered again. It was a tie game going into the third. Unfortunately Elmvale scored early and the final was a 3-2 loss for the Storm.

On Sunday, Dec. 9 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A versed the Wasaga Beach Stars. The first period started with a goal by Addison St Cyr, however Wasaga quickly answered. The second period began with a short handed goal by Austin Boylan. There were a couple more penalty kills and than we were going into the third. The third started with an early goal by Cooper Coles. Storm killed another penalty. However with two minutes left Wasaga pulled their goalie on a power play but Storm shut them down and came out with a 3-1 win to end the tournament.

The next upcoming game is on Friday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue arena verse the Bracebridge Bears.

By Amber Card

Midget

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Storm Midgets travelled to Parry Sound to participate in the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Midget Classic tournament, Dec 7-9. They returned home with a 1-1-1 record. The Midgets had a splendid start Friday, against the Six Nations Blackhawks, winning 2-1. The Storm ignited in the first period and showered the goalie with shots. Late in the period, the Storm capitalized on a power play. Haedicke controlled the puck behind the net, then fed Gilbert and he snapped a top corner shot for the first Storm goal. The action continued in the second period and the Blackhawks tied it up. With just a few seconds left, Walker took a point shot, the Storm closed in on the net for the rebound and Smith found the opening. It was a nail biter third period with end to end action, Sisson stood strong in net, and the Storm took the game 2-1. The next day, the Storm met with the Stayner Cyclones. The Storm took advantage of a power play late in the first period. Robinson took the puck from behind the net and back-handed in the only Storm goal. Just seconds later, the Cyclones tied it up. The Storm Midgets had a multitude of opportunities, however this game ended in a 1-1 tie. Later on Saturday, the Storm midgets met with the Caledonia Thunder. It was a tough go from the start and the Storm team struggled in both ends. The Thunder's defence held the Storm at bay and dominated offensively. The Storm Midgets worked very hard, however they lost 3-0 against the Thunder. The Storm team should be very proud and their accomplishments at the tournament.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Tyke

The Tom Prentice and Sons and Walker's Heating and Cooling Tyke Team travelled to their first Jamboree in Campbellford. They played three games taking on during this day tournament.

Nixon Ecclestone lead the team with goals scoring 29 throughout the day, Kelson Bagshaw racked up six, Brady Burke scored three, Matthew Mueller and Nash Wilson both put up two and Cooper Gilbert and Blake Hutchinson each had one. Rowan Johnson was key in setting up many of the storms attached and goalie Jackson Robichaud stopped several shots during each game. The team had a great day and were all so proud to each receive a well earned medal!

By Marita Bagshaw

Peewee LL

The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire team travelled to Bracebridge to face off against the Muskoka Bears Saturday, Dec. 8. This game was amazingly close in Bracebridge this weekend. Highland Storm came out with three goals this game, scored by Jamie Crowe, Ethan Megrah-Poppe, and Faysal Wiso.

The Highland Storm Canadian Tire team was down a few players this weekend but they played strong. The game was tied up in the third period but unfortunately with four minutes left in the third period the Muskoka Bears scored their fourth goal ending the game 4-3 with the win for them.

Carson Simms played an amazing game with 29 saves. The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire Teams next game is Saturday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. in Minden against the Almaguin Ice Devils.

By Shawn Guild

Midget LL

This past weekend the Highland Storm Pharmasave LL Midgets participated in the Regional Silver Stick Tournament in Minden. The team faced off bright and early Saturday morning against the Sturgeon Thunder. The Thunder scored four minutes into the game, the goal which would ultimately be the winner in a 3-0 loss for the Storm. Storm goalie Nate Miscio was spectacular throughout the game giving his teammates the opportunity to remain competitive. The closest was a fine passing play between Sam Hoenow and Jake Sisson with Sisson hitting the post. Brenden Newhook was a constant threat as well whenever he was on the ice.

Game 2 was versus the Manver Mustangs. Miscio continued with hi-light saves and Newhook using his speed provided some scoring chances but it was the Mustangs that would open the scoring before Tim Turners sweet wrap around goal tied it up. Unfortunately it's as close as the Storm would end up losing the match 4-1.

For their final game, the Pharmasave Midgets faced off against the Apsley Flames. The first period saw balanced action but neither team was able to score. The Flames did take the lead early in the second however the Storm tied it up shortly after when Newhooks efforts finally paid off setting up Paul Turner beautifully from behind the net. The Flames scored once more midway thru the final period and held on for a 2-1 win.

By Gord Hoenow

Novice 2 LL

On Sunday the Dewayen Simms LL Novice 2 team hosted the Huntsville Davicor in Haliburton. It was a slow start to the game with a lot of back and forth action but nothing landing in the net. Huntsville started the scoring four minutes into the second. Storm answered back one minute later as McCartney Saunders buried one, assisted by Jacob Manning. Huntsville took the lead at the start of the third. Storm was able to tie the game up as Mason Latanville landed one in the net, assisted by Levi Rowe. With only 24 seconds left of the game, Cambell McCracken took off down the ice on a breakaway and made a drop pass to Latanville. Latanville took a shot and Saunders jumped in on the rebound, taking the lead. Storm win 3-2.

By Stephanie Harrison

Atom LL

The TD Canada Trust Atom Highland Storm team took on the Parry Sound McNabb Home Builders in what we knew would be a tough game. Parry Sound came out strong

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MINOR HOCKEY

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and were able to defeat the TD Atoms with final score of 9-0. Player of the game goes to Kamauhl Cassey Russel. Come cheer on the TD Atoms next weekend as they take on South Muskoka.

By Chris McMartin

Novice LL

Storm's Novice Local League Brightwoods Landscaping and Consulting took to the ice in Huntsville on Saturday, Dec. 8 vs. Huntsville Near North for an early morning game. Brody Hartwig landed the first goal of the game with only seconds left in the first period assisted by Jacob Sutton and Zachary Prentice. The second period showed no movement on the scoreboard with some great defensive playing from Prentice, Hawksley Dobbins, Gideon Borgdorff and Duncan Evans-Faulkner.

The Storm came on strong in the third period scoring eight goals. Hartwig landing six additional goals with assists from Prentice, Sutton, Evans-Faulkner and Matthew Fairey. Cruise Neave scored two of the goals with assists from Tyler Hughes and Benton Lloyd.

The team was looking to keep the well deserved shut out going for goalie Carter Knapton until Huntsville snuck one in the net with only 12 seconds left ending the game in a final 9-1 score. Be sure to come out to our next home game on Dec. 15 in Minden at 11 a.m.

By Cheryl Smith

Midget Girls Jets

The Bancroft IDA/Park View Dental Midget Girls Jets travelled to Peterborough on Sunday, Dec. 9 to face the Ice Kats.

Both teams exchanged opportunities end to end throughout the game with the end result being a tie 1-1.

Near the end of the first period, Haley Goulet got control of the puck, skated into the opponents zone and made a beautiful back pass to Gabbey Burnett. Burnett took a shot on net which rebounded and resulted in a scramble in front of the net. Liv Martin jammed the puck in, scoring the only goal for the Jets.

Come out and cheer the Jets on this coming weekend at their home games at the NHCC. Saturday, Dec 15 vs the Otonabee Wolverines and Sunday, Dec. 11 vs the Ennismore Eagles. Both games are at 4:30 p.m. Go Jets Go!



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Monday afternoon, Dec. 3
High Average (cumulative)
Women – Chris Cote – 178
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High Single Hcp – Chris Cote – 278
High Triple Hcp – Chris Cote & Heather Lockman – 701
This Week's Highs – Men
High Single – Ken Thompson – 256
High Triple – Claude Cote – 730
High Single Hcp – Claude Cote – 284
High Triple Hcp – Claude Cote – 817

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Dec. 4
Men
High Average Claude Cote – 199
High Single Claude Cote – 246
High Single H/C Nick Biljetina – 283
High Triple Claude Cote – 636
High Triple H/C Nick Biljetina – 747
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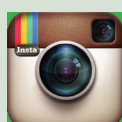
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County building funding approved

by Jerry Grozelle

Haliburton County has received confirmation that two-thirds funding for a new \$2.4 million county administrative building has been approved. The funding will be made available through the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works Program. The construction project would create an estimated 37 person years of employment. It has been proposed that the new structure could also provide accommodation for the Minden OPP office and possibly other government offices as well.

A press release issued jointly by Municipal Affairs Minister Ed Philip, Victoria-Haliburton MP John O'Reilly and Haliburton County Warden Jim McMahon, states: "The new building in the Township of Minden will be designed to improve public access by locating several public services under one roof and by making the building accessible to persons with disabilities."

Although County Council has not given final approval for the project, which would cost the county an estimated \$800,000, the press release adds that work on the building is scheduled to start early in 1995 with a target completion date of November 1995.

"Job creation is a priority for all three levels of government and I am extremely pleased to see the Canada/Ontario

Infrastructure Works program at work," said O'Reilly. "The project announced here today not only demonstrates our commitment to creating jobs, but the residents of Haliburton County will also benefit directly from the improved municipal services that the new administrative building will offer."

"This proposal will be the key to maintaining effective policing services in the county while strengthening the county's ability to operate efficiently in the future," said county warden Jim McMahon.

McMahon says he sees a new county building as a key to economic recovery in the county.

"Although the job creation will be short term, it will certainly be a boost to the economy of Haliburton County," McMahon said. We'd never see this kind of money brought into the county for any other kind of project."

Grants of two-thirds the cost of any project are virtually unheard of any more and McMahon said "This is an opportunity of a lifetime."

McMahon said that getting funding approval was the first step.

"My only hope is that county council will look at it with an open mind, in the best interest of the county," he said. "If the Highway 35 location is agreed to by council, it would give any visitors to the area a positive image of our county."

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DONATIONS APPRECIATED: The Minden and Area Police Support Association held a drive on the weekend of December 3 and 4 to collect toys, clothing and food. People were encouraged to drop off items at the office on Minden's Main Street. Response was "very good" according to association president Don Stromberg. The toys and clothing items were turned over to the Canadian Sunday School Mission for distribution and the food items went to the United Church. Seen here with some of the donations are constable Rick Gooch of the Minden OPP (left), Barb Rayment (front) and Don Stromberg, of the Police Support Association.

Stanhope to study ice and water rescue

by Andrew Milne

An animated discussion at the inaugural meeting of the new Stanhope council concluded with council deciding to conduct a study on doing level one ice and water rescue.

The issue has been argued over in the municipality since August of 1992, when the council, then under the leadership of reeve Fred Gardner, passed a resolution barring the fire department from participating in any rescues on water or ice.

Gardner lost the reeve's chair to challenger Jock Mavor in the November 14 election, probably partly due to his stance on the rescues.

The history of the issue actually goes back to July 1990, when a Port Colborne volunteer firefighter drowned during a rescue attempt. The Ministry of Labour (MOL) investigated the incident and charged the fire chief and deputy fire chief on the basis of the Occupational Health and Safety Act — in particular for failing to provide appropriate training and take appropriate precautions.

The ministry eventually lost the case. But Stanhope's resolution — taken in part to protect the municipality from such suits — still stands.

Carol Moffatt, who ran for council in the last election, has worked as a reporter (for *The Times* and for *The Toronto Star*) and researched the issue in that capacity. She told the October 29 all-candidates' meeting that all that is required from the MOL before fire departments can do the rescues, is that they provide proper training and equipment and that they follow a standard operating procedure.

In the case of level one rescue, says Moffatt, in which the rescues are done from land, the department already has the relatively simple equipment required.

Currently, if you get into trouble on the ice or water, the fire department isn't supposed to help you.

Mavor had said quite clearly during his campaign that he intended to change this. And in this, the first meeting of his new council, he seemed determined to

start.

But he encountered distinct opposition from two members of council — deputy-reeve Eleanor Harrison and councillor Murray Daniels — who had sat on the old council, and who had worked on the resolution barring the rescues.

"Prior to beginning a study," said Harrison, "or prior to advising the fire department, since it was we as a municipality — and my name's on it as well — who made the motion in 1992, I think that we should be speaking to county council, even if just for Murray and myself. We put quite a bit of work into this, and we didn't make our minds up overnight... Concurrence was by the county, which got an answer back, plus other municipalities. And I think in all fairness we made this first move, and now we are reversing it, I would say, or attempting to reverse it is may be a better word, and I think that in all fairness — since I'm still part of the council and still part of the county council and Murray's still part of this council — we

owe it to the two of us if nothing else and to the council who passed it, to at least inform county council that we are having second thoughts."

Harrison also insisted that she would not vote for any "enhancement of services" on the part of the fire department until the county had completed its study of fire services.

A comprehensive study of fire services across Haliburton County is currently underway. However Dave Carr, of the Fire Marshall's Office (FMO), who is doing the study for the county, when asked by *The Times*, described the study in its current form as a very general overview of what services are currently in place in the county.

"I think if you use the term 'assessing what exists', it hits the nail right on the head," said Carr.

Carr also said the study would not, in all likelihood, be completed for at least a year, or possibly two years.

The study has not specifically looked

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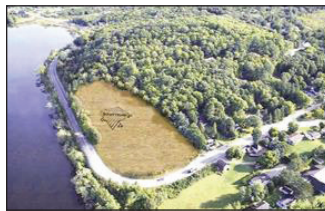
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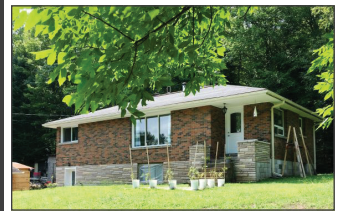
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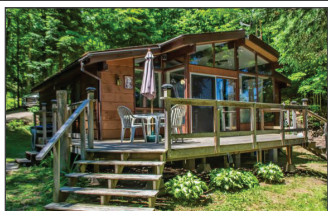
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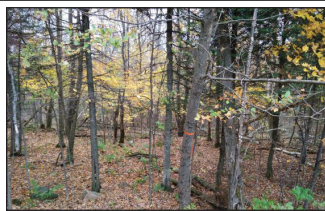
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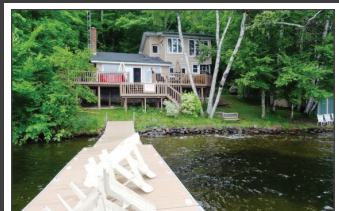
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